



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. David N. Mosby
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
106 Haven Hill
Harriman, Tennessee 37748

Dear Mr. Mosby:

Thank you for your October 16, 2002, letter inquiring how the local Environmental Management (EM) Site-Specific Advisory Boards (SSABs) can help EM address common, complex-wide issues. The board's advice, recommendations and in-depth site-level perspective can be of great assistance to us in resolving issues at the site, including those that may be crosscutting to the EM complex.

The objectives of the EM program are to accelerate risk reduction and closure. I expect the board to provide us with timely advice and recommendations to assist in furthering these goals. I ask that each SSAB work closely with the site manager in developing SSAB work plans and meeting agendas. This will facilitate the SSAB's ability to provide us with useful recommendations on issues important to accelerating cleanup.

As common, complex-wide issues are identified, SSAB workshops such as those previously conducted on low-level and mixed-waste, transportation, long-term stewardship and groundwater, can be of assistance in helping address such issues. I am pleased that such a workshop on transuranic wastes is scheduled for early next year in Carlsbad, New Mexico. As discussed at the recent SSABs Chairs meeting, possible topics for future workshops include information management for long-term stewardship and the transition from cleanup to closure.

Thank you for offering your assistance in addressing the challenges of accelerated cleanup. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 586-7709 or Ms. Martha Crosland, Director, Office of Intergovernmental and Public Accountability, at (202) 586-5944.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jessie Hill Roberson", is positioned above the printed name.

Jessie Hill Roberson
Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management



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